

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 8, 10, 11, 15-17, 19 and 20 remain withdrawn for further consideration.

Claim 2 - 5 were previously canceled.

Claims 21 is amended without the introduction of new matter.

Claims 1 and 6-23 are pending.

II. Non-Compliant Amendment

A Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was mailed on April 19, 2007. The Examiner finds that in the Response to Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on January 26, 2007, the listing of claims was non-compliant as failing to reflect the entry of claims amended in the Amendment in Response to Non-Final Office Action of September 21, 2006. As suggested by the Examiner in the Notice of April 19, all pending claims other than claim 21 are shown as "currently amended" in clean form as "previously presented" or "withdrawn," claims 2 - 5 are shown in proper "canceled" form, and claim 21 is shown in proper "marked-up" form. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the finding of non-compliance.

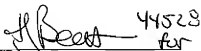
CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below if the Examiner believes any issue can be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment.

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Respectfully submitted,

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